THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) and (b) While silk production in the country has been growing steadily, the demand for silk both for the domestic as well as for the export sector has also grown. The quality of Indian silk has also improved but it is yet to come up to international standards.

Silk being on the Restricted list of Imports, cannot be imported except under a licence. Such licences are normally not issued. However, exporters are permitted to import raw silk under the Advance Licence Scheme to fulfil their raw material needs.

(c) Yes, Sir. Any proposals received would be considered on merits.

Deliberation at the meeting of manufacturers of Food stuff in Brussels

801. SHRIMATI CHANDRIKA ABHINANDAN JAIN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether India being a major supplier of jute sacks was represented at the meeting of the Manufacturers of Food Stuff held in Brussels in the last week of January, 1993 so as to obtain an order worth Rs. 100 crore for jute sacks;

(b) if so, what is the out come thereof; and

(c) if answer to part (a) above be in negative, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI. G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) to (c) India did not receive an official invitation to attend such a meeting.

12.00 Noon

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

I. Report (1991-92) of the Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority, New Delhi and related papers.

II. Report and Accounts (1991-92) of the Engineering Export Promotion Council, Calcutta and related papers.

III Report (1991-92) of the Rubber Board Kottayam (Kerala) and related papers

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMAD): Sir, I lay on the Table a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers:—

(i)(a) Seventh Annual Report of the Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority, New Delhi, for the year 1991-92.

(b) Review by Government on the working of the above Authority.

(c) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (a) above. [Placed in library. *See* No. L.T. 3409/93 for (a) to (c)]

(ii)(a) Thirty-seventh Annual Report and Accounts of the Engineering Export Promotion Council, Calcutta, for the year 1991-92, together with the Auditors' Report on the Accounts.

(b) Review by Government on the working of the above Council.

(c) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (a) above. [Placed in library. *See* No. L.T. 3410/93 for (a) to (c)]

(iii)(a) Annual Report of the Rubber Board, Kottayam (Kerala), for the year 1991-92.

(b) Review by Government on the working of the above Board. [Placed in library. *See* No. L.T. 3408/93 for (a) and (b)]

[THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN *in the chair*]

I. Report and Accounts (1991-92) of the Coal India Limited, Calcutta and related papers.